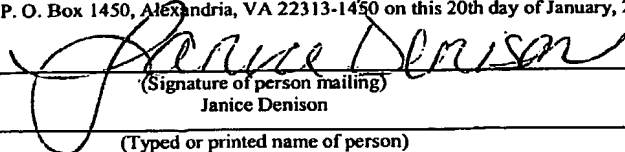




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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action mailed September 17, 2003, Applicant respectfully submits the following Amendment and Remarks/Arguments in conjunction with a Request for Extension of Time. The period for response to the Office Action is extended for one month, to and including January 20, 2004, insofar as January 17, 2004 was a Saturday, January 18, 2004 was a Sunday, and January 19, 2004 was Martin Luther King Day. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-1445.

Also enclosed is a statement by the undersigned attorney of record attesting to the satisfaction of all deposit conditions, under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.801-1.809, for the deposit NCIMB 41066 under the provisions of the Budapest Treaty. Insofar as the Examiner's rejection of claims 23 and 32, on the basis that all conditions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.801-1.809 were not met, presents a new ground for rejection not necessitated by Applicant's amendment of the claims or submission of an information disclosure statement (see M.P.E.P § 706.07(a)), Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the finality of rejection in the Office Action of September 17, 2003, and entry of this amendment, as further discussed in the Remarks/Arguments section.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

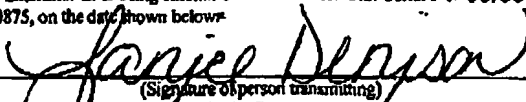
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**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT**

As a supplement to the Amendment filed January 20, 2004, Applicants submit the following Supplemental Amendment. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-1445.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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